

HB 132

“An act relating to state publications...” Fact Sheet

Montana State Library has administered the state depository library program for Montana since 1967. We have worked with all state agencies to identify, acquire, catalog, preserve and provide permanent public access to state publications through the State Library and through depository libraries across the state.

MCA22-1-211 through 22-1-218 needs to be updated to include electronic forms of state publications.

In 2003, a permanent public access committee was formed to develop revisions to the current statute. Members from the following institutions were involved:

- State Law Library
- State Library
- Historical Society
- Secretary of State
- Office of Public Instruction
- Legislative Services Division
- University System
- Department of Administration

Passage of this bill will:

- Create a workable definition for state publications.
- Simplify the process of acquiring and managing state publications.
- Allow MSL to continue to fulfill its mission of preserving and providing access to state publications

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